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| JAMES RUNNING FISHER, JR., | : | Order Docketing and Dismissing |
| Appellant                  | : | Appeal                         |
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| v.                         | : |                                |
|                            | : | Docket No. IBIA 97-122-A       |
| BILLINGS AREA DIRECTOR,    | : |                                |
| BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  | : |                                |
| Appellee                   | : | June 25, 1997                  |

This is an appeal from a March 14, 1997, decision of the Billings Area Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, concerning a request to reserve Blackfeet Allotments 0905, 0905-B, 0977-C, 4097-A, and 4097-B from a range unit under the Blackfeet Tribal Grazing Program.

Appellant's notice of appeal was received by the Board on April 21, 1997. The notice failed to show service on the Blackfeet Tribe. By order dated April 22, 1997, the Board ordered appellant to serve his notice of appeal on the Tribe by May 7, 1997, and to file a certificate of service with the Board.

No certificate of service was received. Therefore, on May 19, 1997, the Board ordered Appellant to show why his appeal should not be dismissed for failure to prosecute.

Appellant's response was due June 9, 1997. No response has been received.

Therefore, pursuant to the authority delegated to the Board of Indian Appeals by the Secretary of the Interior, 43 C.F.R. § 4.1, this appeal is docketed but is dismissed for failure to prosecute.

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Anita Vogt  
Administrative Judge

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Kathryn A. Lynn  
Chief Administrative Judge